third party assignments with the following four international companies:

1. M/s. VATS, Austria.
2. M/s. GIPROMEZ, Russia.
3. M/s. Hoogovens Technical Services (HTS) BV, The Netherlands.
4. M/s. Paul Wurth S.A., Luxembourg.

In these MOUs, the strengths and expertise of collaborating organisation have been properly identified, which will from the basis for entering into specific agreements for providing services to the clients.

Setting UP Steel Plant in Karnataka

7517. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of small medium and big steel plants in public and private sectors in the country;

(b) the number out of them functioning in Karnataka;

(c) the number of licences given during 1994-95 for the setting up of steel plants in Karnataka;

(d) the number of applications for the grant of licence pending with Government;

(e) the details of steel plants producing quality steel; and

(f) the quantum of steel exported during 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There are 6 integrated steel plants and 2 special steel plants in public sector. Besides these, there are 7 Electric Arc Furnace Units (EAF) in public/joint sector. In private sector there is 1 integrated steel plant, 175 Electric Arc Furnace Units and over 700 induction furnace units as on 31.3.95.

(b) Besides a large number of induction furnace units 13 steel plants are located in the State of Karnataka out of which 2 EAF units are reportedly closed.

(c) and (d) The iron and steel industry has been exempted from the purview of compulsory licensing. An entrepreneur wishing to set up an iron and steel unit does not require approval of Government for Industrial licence unless the plant is proposed to be located within 25 Kms. from the periphery of the standard urban area limits of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs as per 1991 census. No application for grant of licence is pending with the Government.

(e) The steel plants both in public and private sector based on modern technology are equipped to produce quality steel, as per market requirement.

(f) The quantity of saleable steel exports during 1993-94 & 1994-95 was about 16.01 lakh tonnes and 12.69 (Prov.) lakh tonnes, respectively.

Setting Up Alumina Plant

7518. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was proposal to setting a 100 percent export oriented Alumina plants;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to be set up in the private sector, public sector or in joint sector;

(c) the sites selected for that Alumina plant;

(d) the installed capacity of that plants and the estimated cost thereof; and

(e) the employment expected to be generated in that plant and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) Ministry of Mines have given the details of proposals approved by the Government